

Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Deadline: January 31st (Annually)

<u>439015</u>		<u>143030228</u>
Study Area Code (SAC)		Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)
<i>(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for each SAC through which it provides Lifeline service).</i>		
<u>2017</u>	<u>OK</u>	<u>CENTRAL CELLULAR LLC</u>
Recertification Year	State	ETC Name
<u>N/A</u>		<u>Central Cellular LLC</u>
DBA, Marketing, or Other Branding Name		Holding Company Name
<i>(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do <u>not</u> leave blank)</i>		<i>(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)</i>

Does the reporting company have affiliated ETCs?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC, using page 4 and additional sheets if necessary. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.

Affiliated ETC's SAC	Affiliated ETC's Name

ETCs Subject to the Non-Usage Requirements

All ETCs must complete the appropriate check-box. ETCs that do not assess and collect a monthly fee from their Lifeline subscribers are subject to the non-usage requirements. ETCs subject to the non-usage requirements must indicate the number of subscribers de-enrolled by month in Section 4. ETCs that only assess a fee but do not collect such fees are subject to the non-usage requirements and must also indicate the number of subscribers de-enrolled by month.

Is the ETC subject to the non-usage requirements? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in Block Q below.

P	Q
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	0
February	0
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
August	0
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0
Total Subscribers	0

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification.

Initial Certification *All ETCs must complete this section*

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to:

- A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline; and/or
- B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code listed above.

Initial SG

Minimum Service Level

I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with the minimum service levels set forth in the 47 CFR Section 54.408.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SACs listed above.

Initial SG

Annual Recertification

Do not leave empty blocks. If an ETC has nothing to report in a block, enter a zero.

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers due for recertification by month (January-December)

- A. Subscribers eligible for recertification by anniversary month
- B. Subscribers de-enrolled prior to recertification attempts
- C. Total number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying (A-B)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Recertification Methods

State of federal database

- D. Subscribers recertified through ETC access to state or federal database by anniversary month

Report the number of eligible subscribers verified through access to a state or federal database.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- E. Name of the data source(s) used to verify consumer eligibility:

ETC Direct Contact

- F. Subscribers contacted by ETC directly to recertify (You may also use this section to report subscriber initiated recertifications).

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers the ETC contacted directly to obtain recertification of eligibility

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
F.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- G. Subscribers who failed to recertify through ETC direct outreach attempt

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers de-enrolled due to ineligibility or non-response to the ETC's outreach attempt.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
G.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H. Subscribers who recertified through ETC direct outreach attempt

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers that successfully recertified through ETC's outreach attempt.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
H.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Third Party

I. Subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC

Report the number of Lifeline subscribers contacted by a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC for the purpose of recertification.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
I.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

J. Name of third party administrator used to verify subscriber eligibility:

USAC

K. Subscribers de-enrolled as a result of a third party recertification attempt

Report the number of subscribers as a result of ineligibility or non-response to outreach from a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
K.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

L. Subscribers who recertified through a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC's recertification effort

Report the number of subscribers that recertified through a request from a state administrator, third party administrator, or USAC

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
L.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Certification:

Recertification Method: Database

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on a database. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed above.

Initial _____

Recertification Method: ETC

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed above.

Initial _____

Recertification Method: Third Party

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on an administrator. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC(s) listed above.

Initial SG

No Subscribers

I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the current Form 555 data year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial _____

$M = (G+K)$	$N = (D+F+I)$	$O = M/N \times 100$
Total number of subscribers de-enrolled as a result of recertification	Total number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying	Percent of subscribers due for recertification who were de-enrolled
0	0	0.0%

Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code (SAC) listed above.

Signed, Steve Guest
Signature of Officer
steveg@cotc.net
Email Address of Officer
Marikari Buchanan
Person Completing This Certification Form

STEVE GUEST PRESIDENT
Printed Name and Title of Officer
JAN 29, 2018
Date
918-377-2241
Contact Phone Number

Affiliated ETCs

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January 29, 2018

Dear USAC:

Central Cellular, L.L.C. dba COTC Connections relinquished its ETC designation effective August 31, 2017. Attached is a Final Order Granting Relinquishment of ETC Designation issued by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission on June 29, 2017.

The information reported on this FCC Form 555 covers 2017 through August (an eight-month period). Central Cellular, L.L.C. dba COTC Connections had zero subscribers eligible for recertification for either July or August. Likewise, it had zero subscribers with July or August anniversary months de-enroll prior to recertification attempts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Guest'.

Steve Guest
President

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

mm APPLICATION OF CENTRAL CELLULAR,)
LLC DBA COTC CONNECTIONS FOR) CAUSE NO. PUD 201700115
ORDER CONFIRMING RELINQUISHMENT) **665383**
OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) ORDER NO. _____
CARRIER DESIGNATION)

FINAL ORDER GRANTING RELINQUISHMENT
OF ETC DESIGNATION

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Corporation Commission ("Commission") of the State of Oklahoma being regularly in session and the undersigned Commissioners present and participating, there comes on for consideration and action the Application of Central Cellular, LLC d/b/a COTC Connections ("COTC Connections") to voluntarily relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") designation in the exchanges served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma ("AT&T Oklahoma") and Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LLC d/b/a Windstream Communications Southwest ("Windstream Southwest") in accordance with 47 U.S.C § 214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R. § 54.205, and Oklahoma Administrative Code ("OAC") 165:55.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On April 17, 2017, COTC Connections filed its Application to relinquish its ETC designation.

Additionally, on April 17, 2017, COTC Connections filed the Direct Testimony of Steve Guest.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission makes the following finding of facts and conclusions of law:

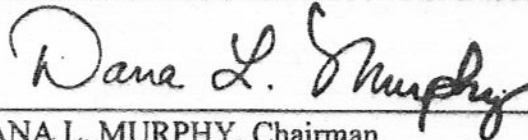
1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter and persons. Notice was given as required by law and the rules of the Commission. Authority to grant the Application arises under OKLA. CONST. art. IX, § 18, and 17 O.S. §§ 131 *et seq.*
2. The Commission granted COTC Connections its ETC designation in Cause No. PUD 200500304, pursuant to Order No. 512289, issued on October 4, 2005.
3. COTC Connections voluntarily filed an Application to relinquish its ETC designation in the exchanges served by AT&T Oklahoma and Windstream Southwest in accordance with 47 U.S.C § 214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R. § 54.205, and OAC 165:55.

4. In its Application, COTC Connections stated that it has only twenty (20) Lifeline customers in the State of Oklahoma, and that it does not currently receive any federal high-cost universal service support in the State of Oklahoma.
5. The service territories where COTC Connections is designated are served by at least twenty-two (22) remaining telecommunications carriers which have been designated as ETCs and which, by virtue of their ETC designations, are required to offer the supported services throughout their respectively designated service territories.
6. The Public Utility Division (“PUD”) reviewed the Application and determined that COTC Connections satisfied all requirements of 47 U.S.C § 214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R. § 54.205, and OAC 165:55 to relinquish its ETC designation in the exchanges served by AT&T Oklahoma and Windstream Southwest.
7. COTC Connection proposed an effective date of August 31, 2017 for their ETC relinquishment.
8. 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) specifies, in part, “A State commission (or the Commission in the case of a common carrier designated under paragraph (6)) shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier.” (emphasis added.) Because of the number of ETCs designated as eligible to provide service in COTC Connection’s territory (AT&T Oklahoma and Windstream Southwest), the Commission is required by federal law to permit COTC Connections to relinquish its ETC designation.
9. COTC Connections will provide its existing Lifeline customers notice, as reviewed by PUD, at sixty (60) and thirty (30) days prior to their ETC relinquishment effective date.

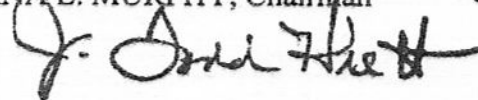
III. ORDER

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS consistent with the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Application filed by Central Cellular, LLC d/b/a COTC Connections to voluntarily relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") designation in the exchanges served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma and Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LLC d/b/a Windstream Communications Southwest in accordance with 47 U.S.C § 214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R. § 54.205, and OAC 165:55, effective August 31, 2017, is hereby granted.

OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION



DANA L. MURPHY, Chairman



J. TODD HIETT, Vice Chairman



BOB ANTHONY, Commissioner

DONE AND PERFORMED by the Commissioners participating in the making of this order as shown by their signatures above this 29 day of June, 2017.

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PEGGY MITCHELL, Secretary